



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 189

By Senator Beavers

and

Representative Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jessica Blackburn, 2011 Salutatorian of Gordonsville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Blackburn is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2011 graduating class at Gordonsville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Blackburn has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Jessica has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in several worthwhile extracurricular activities, including serving as a member of the Yearbook Staff, the Spanish Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Against Drunk Driving, the Science Club, the Math Club, the Beta Club, Chorus, the Interact Club, the Student Council, and the Health Occupations Students of America; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as a leader among her peers through dedicated community service, including volunteering for numerous Rotary Club activities, church and school projects, and after-school and weekend tutoring programs; and

WHEREAS, named "Most Likely to Succeed" by her peers, Ms. Blackburn also represented Gordonsville High School at the Volunteer Girls State in 2009 and currently serves as the co-editor of *The Tiger*; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, Jessica is a valuable member of her school's softball team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Billy Blackburn, Jr., and Teresa Blackburn; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2011 Gordonsville High School Salutatorian, Jessica Blackburn, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: April 21, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 29th day of April 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR